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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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SERIAL NO.: 09/839,760

FILED: APRIL 20, 2001

**FOR: CIGARETTE FILTERS OF SHAPED
MICRO CAVITY FIBERS
IMPREGNATED WITH FLAVORANT
MATERIALS**

ART UNIT: 1731

EXAMINER: D. A. WALLS

**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 18, 2003, kindly
amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this response.